

Information Bulletin

1. Your event hosts

European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) www.easa.europa.eu

Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (CAASL) www.caa.lk/en/

2. Event website and documents

The event website <https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/international-cooperation-forum-8th-edition-sri-lanka> will be used for all the important communication prior to / during and after the event.

The event will be paperless and all related documents will be made available online.

3. Event venue

The event will be held at the Hilton Hotel Colombo, 2 Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 00200, Sri Lanka.

4. Languages

The event will be conducted in the English language. No interpretation is foreseen.

5. Entry visa

The event participants are responsible for applying for and obtaining their visas as appropriate, please use visa category: Tourist / MICE. Visa costs will not be reimbursed.

Obtaining Electronic Travel Authorisation [ETA] for eligible country nationals: <https://eta.gov.lk/slvisa/>

For any visa assistance please contact as follows:

- Mr Nirosh Gunawardene dscaif1@caa.lk

6. Hotel

A limited number of participants will have the accommodation sponsored by EASA, as per details indicated in the invitation letter. For the sponsored participants, the hotel with breakfast will be pre-booked and you will receive all pertinent logistical information from EASA logistics sub-contractor CECOFORMA. The contact person is Ms Emilija Gjorgjievska, tel.: +389 70 744 059, email: emilija.gjorgjievska@cecoforma.com

For the self-paying participants, please make hotel reservations directly with the hotels as early as possible considering the high demand during the period. In case you wish to use the negotiated rate at the hotel, which is also the venue of the event, please send your reservation request to all of the below email addresses and use the **“group code – CCAVIB”**:



Colombo.reservations@hilton.com

Shamila.Hewawasange@hilton.com

Pavithri.Madushanka@Hilton.com

Dhanuka.ranasinghe@hilton.com

7. Transportation

Airport shuttles for the sponsored participants will be kindly organized by the local host organisation Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka in accordance with the participants' flights and the precise schedule will be communicated prior to travel.

8. Health

Sri Lanka is a tropical destination, so please check with your doctor to make sure you are up to date with your travel vaccinations.

Mosquito bites are one of the biggest health concerns in Sri Lanka. Although malaria has been eliminated, mosquitoes can carry debilitating dengue fever, a painful illness that can have serious side effects. No vaccinations are available for dengue and treatment can only reduce symptoms. Protect yourself by covering up at dawn and dusk, sleeping under a mosquito net and wearing strong repellent containing high levels of DEET (diethyltoluamide).

Sri Lanka's tap water could be used for brushing your teeth, but it is not safe for drinking. Bottled water is plentiful, and hotels provide clean drinking water for guests. If you buy bottled water, check that the seal is intact and look for the Sri Lanka standards certification mark.

9. Medical Services

In case of need participants may seek treatment at one of the following clinics near the venue. All cost for medical services shall be covered by the participant.

Please liaise with Mr. Nirosch Gunawardene dscaif1@caa.lk TEL +94 770 609 964

10. Hospitals and Pharmacies

Access to healthcare is easy and any foreign visitor can directly avail of healthcare services offered by both government sector and private sector. In case of falling ill or an emergency, you may visit the nearest hospital or medical centre or else call for an ambulance. On-call ambulance services are offered by private sector and non-governmental organizations.

When it comes to pharmaceuticals, the government pharmacy known as 'Osu Sala' is a one-stop shop for all your medicine requirements. 'Osu Sala' pharmacies are located throughout the island. In addition, leading private sector pharmacies are located in and around Colombo and other main cities while small private pharmacies are spread across the country. Meanwhile, many a private hospital has in-house pharmacies.



11. Currency

The Sri Lankan Rupee (ISO code: LKR) is the currency of Sri Lanka. It is subdivided into 100 cents, but cents are rarely seen in circulation. The abbreviation Re (singular) and Rs (plural) is generally used.

Indicative: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro_en.cfm (22nd Jan 2024)

- 1 EUR = 359.802 LKR
- 1 USD = 323.73763 LKR

12. Time zone

The time in Sri Lanka is GMT+5:30

13. Climate

Sri Lanka is an island country located south-east of India, just north of the Equator, and has a tropical climate, with hot, humid weather all year round. Throughout the country there is a rainy season from October to December, while in the other months, the rains vary greatly depending on the area. The rainiest areas are the south-western mountain slope and the coastal area where Colombo is located. The driest areas are the north-west coast (see Jaffna, Mannar) and the south-east coast (see Hambantota).

The highest mountain is Pidurutalagala (or Mount Pedro), 2,524 meters (8,280 feet) high.

From March to mid-May is the first intermonsonic period, usually dry and gradually hot (especially in the north-central part of the country), in which, however, rains occur in the form of downpours or thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening, which are frequent and abundant only on the western side (Colombo) and in the mountainous interior areas (see Kandy, Nuwara Eliya).

14. Electricity

In Sri Lanka, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type D, type M and type G are used. The standard voltage is 230 V at a frequency of 50 Hz.



15. Emergency services

Police: 118 / 119.

Ambulance / Fire & Rescue: 110.



16. Focal Points in Sri Lanka CAASL

- Mr. Rayhan Wannappa Tel + 94 - 773 130 027
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